

Salem Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission
Special Meeting

Date: 7/28/09

Time: 1700

Location: 432 Old Colchester Rd

Purpose: Site Walk – Applic. #09-07-01 Wetlands Activity and Possible Action

Members: Present (Y/N) Guests: Mike Healey and Michael Healey

E. Belt	Y
D. Khan-Bureau	N
(Vacant) (A)	N
R. Phillips	Y
L. Wildrick	N
G. Ziegra	Y
W. Leuck	Y - RECUSED
S. Snyder	Y
G. Balavender (A)	Y
E. Natoli (A)	N
M. Chinatti (WEO)	Y

Discussions/Decisions/Actions

1. Meeting opened by Ziegra at 5:00 pm.
2. Motion to seat Gale Balavender for William Leuck by Eric Belt and seconded by George Ziegra; passed unanimously.
3. Entered property on driveway at 432 Old Colchester Rd

The wetlands have not been delineated. Before and beneath the twin box storage trailers that have been converted into a covered structure, it was evident that gravelly fill has been placed to raise the grade. Approaching the area, there were mature maple, pine and hemlock trees. Behind the structure was a dilapidated shed which the applicant would like to remove. On either side of the structure were ditches or channels in what appeared to be wetlands based on the observed surface water and vegetation (e.g. skunk cabbage, jewelweed). Within the channel to the south of the structure, the surface water has an orange discoloration – don't know whether this was naturally occurring or not. This condition appeared to follow the channel upstream toward the road where the applicant noted that there was storm drainage culvert outleting from Old Colchester Road.

Additionally contributing to the wetness at the site is another culvert outlet north of the house which, according to the applicant, had been recently cleared. Due to the excessive wetness and drainage onto the site, the former garage had deteriorated which is why the applicant brought the box trailers on site. The applicant would like to finish removing the old garage, the shed behind the trailers, and to find a remedy to the excessive wetness under the house. The septic tank and leach field are located immediately east and behind the house. The applicant also has a 25' ROW located south along Old Colchester Road towards the large, dead tree across from the Gardner Lake Firehouse.

Motion to allow the applicant to continue working on the existing structures (within wetlands and/or the Upland Review Area) and to remove the shed to the rear of the lot, provided that any additional work proposed within the wetlands or URA would need to come before the Commission, made by Roger Phillips and seconded George Ziegra; passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Gale Balavender and seconded by Eric Belt; passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 5:22 pm.

Meeting minutes by Sally Snyder